THE TRAVANCORE CENSUS BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to introduce the Travancore Census Bill. Government have decided in consonance with the decision arrived at by the Government of India to take a general Census in 1941. Preliminary steps have been taken for the purpose and a Census Commissioner has been appointed. It is necessary that he should be armed with the necessary powers in order that the work of taking the Census may be proceeded with vigorously. This Bill has been prepared on the lines of the last Census Act, with certain slight verbal variations, found necessary from the draftsman's point of view. The changes in substance are made only in relation to the penal provisions. When the punishment for a breach of the provisions of the last Act was Rs. 50, it is proposed in the present Bill that the penalty shall be Rs. 200. This is the provision contained in the British Indian Census Act.

I move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I second it.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be "The Travancore Census Bill."

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I request you, Sir, to suspend Standing Order No. 34 and permit me to move for the consideration of the Bill.

PRESIDENT: The Standing Order is suspended.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that the Travancore Census Bill be taken into consideration.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I second it.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: As no amendment has been proposed, the Bill may be taken up for consideration clause by clause.

Clauses 1 to 14.

The question that clauses 1 to 14 do form part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

The clauses were added to the Bill.

Preamble and Title.

The question that the Preamble and Title do form part of the Bill was put to vote and carried.

The Preamble and Title were added to the Bill.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that the Bill be passed.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I second it.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

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